Global Trade Centre

*118. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a World Trade Centre is proposed to be built in Delhi Gurgaon Road;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the global trade centre will be ready?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Present government policy does not envisage Government initiatives in building of World Trade Centres. These are purely private initiatives and government has no direct role to play in the matter. Consequently, it is not possible for government to provide details or a timeframe regarding the building of such a centre on the Delhi-Gurgaon Road.

Scheme for allotment of land to slum dwellers in various cities

†119. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any scheme for allotment of land to the persons living in slum clusters in various cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) The implementation and development of slums is a State subject and State Government formulate specific plans and programmes for development of slums in various towns and cities as per their priority. However, with a view to ameliorating the living conditions of the slum dwellers, a Centrally sponsored scheme viz. the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) has been in operation since 1996 to provide additional Central assistance to States/UTs for development of urban slums. The Govt. of India also prepared a draft slum development policy and circulated it among the States/UTs, Planning Commission, four Metropolitan Commissioners, concerned Central Ministries and about 150 NGOs. This policy gives due emphasis to providing secure tenure to slum dwellers.

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